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REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested.

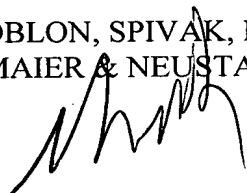
Original Claims 2, 17, 18, 19, 22 and 24 have been cancelled. Additionally, new Claims 28-32 have been cancelled.

Claim 1 now incorporates the subject matter of cancelled Claim 2, which had been allowed. Additionally, allowed Claims 3, 4, 8, 14, 21 and 23 have been rewritten in independent form. The remaining original Claims 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 15, 16, 20, 25, 26 and 27 depend from the allowed claims, and new Claims 33-39 have been allowed. All of the pending claims therefore recite allowable subject matter.

Applicants therefore believe that the present application is in a condition for allowance and respectfully solicit an early notice of allowability.

Respectfully submitted,

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